

If this talk is upsetting



You can call the national abuse hot line to talk to someone.

Hotline: 1 (800) 656-4673

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via phone and online chat.

Abuse and Neglect 101

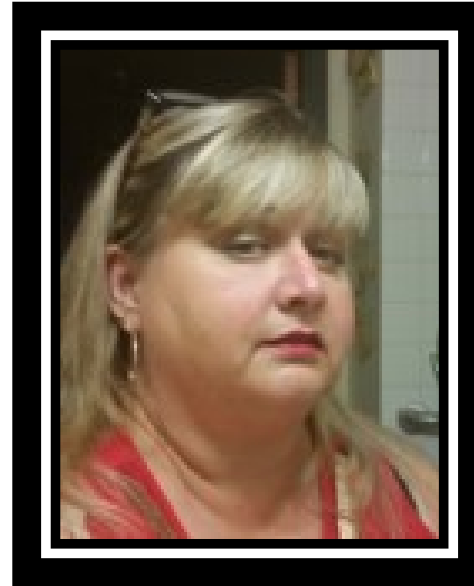


How to report Abuse and Neglect
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What is SARTAC?

- Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center
- Online clearinghouse for information
- A partnership between regional technical assistance centers
- Funded by Administration for Community Living



Abuse and Neglect

- Learn what is abuse and neglect
- Learn about the different types and examples of abuse and neglect
- Learn what you can do to report abuse and neglect
- Learn what is a Protection and Advocacy (P&A)
- Learn what is a mandated reporter



Definitions: What is Abuse and Neglect

- Abuse is to be mean, cruel and/or violent treatment of a person.
- Neglect is to disregard, not take care of, or failure to provide to a person



Different Types of Abuse

- Physical abuse
- Domestic violence or abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Psychological or emotional abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Discriminatory abuse- David story of discrimination

Examples of Abuse

- Assault, hitting, slapping, punching, kicking, hair-pulling, biting, pushing
- Physical punishments
- Rough handling
- Scalding and burning
- Inappropriate or unlawful use of restraint



Examples of Abuse



- Making someone purposefully uncomfortable (ex: opening a window and removing blankets)
- Involuntary isolation or confinement
- Misuse of medication (ex: over-sedation)
- Forcible feeding or withholding food
- Unauthorized restraint, restricting movement (ex: tying someone to a chair)



Different Types of Neglect

- **Physical Neglect**
- **Medical Neglect**
- **Educational Neglect**
- **Emotional Neglect**



Examples of Neglect

- The failure to provide necessary food, clothing, and shelter
- Inappropriate or lack of supervision
- The failure to provide necessary medical or mental health treatment
- Letting someone have poor appearance and hygiene
- Letting someone being hungry or not given money for food
- Letting someone living in an unsuitable place such as having no heating

Organizations can cause Abuse and Neglect



Examples:

- During Katrina we heard about people being left behind to die in nursing facilities because staff left
- Institutions refuse to call you by your name and devalue you by calling you a number

What do you do if you or someone you know is being Abused or Neglected?



- Tell some one you trust and ask for help
- Call the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) in your state if you or the person abused or neglected is a person with a disability
- If you believe your life, or the person's life, is in danger or in an emergency situation, call 911



What is a Mandate Reporter?

- A mandated reporter is a person who, because of his or her job, is legally required to report any suspicion of abuse or neglect to the authorities
- Check with your organization or agency on how to report abuse and neglect



Who else can Report?

- Anyone can report abuse and neglect
- You are not a mandated reporter, but reporting abuse and neglect should start with you speaking up when you have seen or if you have been abused and neglected



What is a P&A

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ySimdfAZRk>

Small Group Questions

- What would you do if you witnessed abuse or neglect?
- When should you call 911?
- Who would you trust to tell about abuse and neglect?
- Are you or do you know someone who is a mandated reporter?
- Have you ever worked with your state's P&A?



Resources

Resources for self advocacy groups can be found at www.selfadvocacyinfo.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC). At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, along with a language selection dropdown, accessibility options (AAA), and a "Listen to Page" button. The SARTAC logo, featuring a stylized book and people, is on the left, with the text "SARTAC Self Advocacy and Beyond" next to it. To the right, the full name "Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center" is displayed. A dark blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: HOME, ABOUT, RESOURCES, SELF ADVOCACY, SUPPORT, and CONTACT US, with a search icon on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image showing a man in a wheelchair using a laptop, a group of people around a table with various icons, and a woman smiling at a laptop. A purple banner at the bottom of the image contains the text "Your one-stop resource for organizing and supporting self advocacy groups". Below the banner, the text "How can we help your self advocacy group?" is displayed in green.